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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Shuji YAMAOKA**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**
(§371 international application No. PCT/JP00/03204)

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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INSPECTING ELECTRICAL CONTINUITY
OF CIRCUIT BOARD, JIG FOR USE THEREIN, AND RECORDING MEDIUM
THEREON**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 17, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

10. (Amended) A continuity inspection apparatus as defined in either one of claims 1 to 4 and 6-8; wherein said inspection signal is an AC signal.

11. (Amended) A continuity inspection apparatus as defined in either one of claims 1 to 4 and 6-8, wherein said inspection signal is a pulse signal.